

line, and F is a tensile force applied to the anchor bolts 3B, a bending moment M_2 [applied to] generated by tensile force of the anchor bolts 3B are represented by equation (3):

$$M_2 = LF_n \quad \dots(3)$$

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Twice Amended) An elevator comprising:

a movable unit configured to ascend and descend in an elevator shaft;

a guide rail [installed on said elevator shaft via a plurality of rail support members and] configured to guide said movable unit;

a cable configured to hang said movable unit;

a driving unit mounted on said guide rail and configured to move said movable unit up and down by driving said cable; [and]

a plurality of rail support members connected to said guide rail; and

a plurality of plates attached to a respective rail support member of said plurality of rail support members,

wherein at least one plate of said [rail support members] plurality of plates is fixed to a wall of said elevator shaft by [means of] at least two vertically spaced lines of securing members separated from each other by an interval in [the] a vertical direction, and

wherein each line of securing members [including] of said at least one plate includes at least one securing member[, wherein, said securing members are attached to a plurality of plates in the vicinity of said driving unit,] that satisfies an inequality defined as:

$$(Wh)/(2fn) \leq L \leq (Wh)/(fn),$$

where W is a load applied to one end of said rail support members at which said guide rail is connected, h is a distance between said [shaft] wall and said guide rail, f is a maximum

permissible tensile strength of an uppermost of said securing members, n is the number of securing members per line of said securing members, and L is a distance of said interval[, and $(Wh)/(2fn) \leq L \leq (Wh)/(fn)$].

2. (Once Amended) The elevator as recited in claim 1, wherein:

said at least one [of said rail support members] plate is adjacent to said driving unit [is fixed by said at least two securing members].

5-25. (Cancel)

26. (Once Amended) The elevator as recited in claim 1, wherein said securing members comprise a pair of lines of anchor bolts, each line including a pair of anchor bolts separated by an interval in the horizontal direction.